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19th December 2025

Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year

From all the staff, can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your ongoing support especially in coming to Christmas plays, choir concerts, Christingle and indeed the day-to-day support for the children and school as a whole. Thanks again to the PFA who raised £180 throughout this festive time. All monies will be going towards the Trim Trail and Gazebo in 2026. We look forward to welcoming Years R-6 back on the 6th January and Year N on the 8th 😊.

ADVANCE NOTICE

In order for us to complete the fabulous refurbishment of the Nursery outdoor provision and further indoor refurbishment, we will be re-opening Nursery on Thursday 8th January 2026 - We will be closed on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th January for the works to finish. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused and hope you'll agree the changes and improvements are going to make an even better learning environment for our children and families. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter, we are delighted that the project is coming to an end and looking fabulous!

Barnacles' Leavers Hoodies - Thank you PFA

We were delighted to be able to see our Barnacles class receive their Leavers hoodies on Thursday as part of Father Christmas' visit to school. We'd like to thank our PFA team for once again sponsoring our Leavers Hoodies with a very generous donation of £10 per hoodie, thank you for helping our Barnacles class make memories in their final year with us...and may I add, thank you to Ms Stimpson who does a wonderful job in coordinating this every year!

Thank you Co-Op for your support

We like to say a huge thank you to our local Co-Op store for very kindly donating all the oranges for our Christingle service this week and indeed the food stuffs for Burnham Market Primary School too. Support from our local community and businesses means so much to us and allows us to share even more activities and experiences with our children.

Term dates for 2025-2026

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/parents-and-carers/term-dates>

6th January First Day of Spring 1 Term (Years R-6)

8th January Nursery re-opens for Spring 1 Term

19th January Cluster High-5 Netball Event

2nd February Cluster Girls Football Event

13th February Last Day of Spring 1 Term

23rd February First Day of Spring 2 Term

9th March Cluster Swimming Gala

27th March Last Day of Spring 2 Term

14th April First Day of Summer 1 Term

28th April - Sea Lavenders Class Assembly 9am

4th May Bank Holiday Monday-School Closed

18th May Cluster Tri-Golf Event

19th May Oysters Class Assembly 9am

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22nd May Last Day of Summer 1 Term
1st June First Day of Summer 2 Term
2nd June - SeaShells Class Assembly 9am
8th June Cluster Mini Tennis Event
16th June - Marsh Mallows Class Assembly 9am
22nd June Cluster Kwik Cricket Event
30th June - Samphire Class Assembly 9am
6th July Cluster Volleyball Event
14th July - Barnacles (Leavers) Class Assembly 9am
17th July Last Day of Summer 2 Term

Our School Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Stroulger, Mrs Taylor & Mrs Beck

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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